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Title: Pirates Handbook

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The topic of this discussion is to try and elaborate on the nature that is pirate speech or "the lingo", as it is known. We will start with some examples and continue as necessary.

Note that "arr" (or some variation thereof) is used many times. This is a natural result of pirate life, and it is vital to note that each "arr" is different, albeit only slightly. A true pirate will recognise the difference between all words. Later on we will discuss the effects of farming on the pirate community.

usage of this dictionary-sign. word: direct, or nearas, translation [what this means]  
the sign / means  
ascending from this point  
(such as /do ray fah so la te doh)  
\means descending.  
no sign usually indicates neutral, normal speech.  
note that these signs are invisible in speech, not said, and are merely here to help the first time reader.

Arr: hello, how are you doing. [used as a greeting.  
two pirates meeting for the first time will usually have the following greeting

Arr

Arr  
which translates to  
roughly:  
1st pirate: good day, sir  
pirate.  
2nd pirate: hello to you  
as well.

\Arr: bad, less good, no,  
negative.  
/Arr: good, better, yes,  
positive.

so now we've got those  
three basic words, lets  
try and get these into a  
conversation.

Arr  
\Arr, Arr  
/Arr

Translates:  
Hello, how are you?  
Bad. You?  
I am good.

So, hopefully this  
demonstrate how pirates  
speak. With a basic  
understanding, here is a  
following list of words  
used in common piratese.

Arr? - Question, why,  
how, what, how etc.  
\Arr? - Disbelief  
questioning, ie "surely  
not?"  
/Arr? - Sorry, Not  
understanding the pirate,  
rather than what he says  
(can be due  
to bad grammer, confused  
statement, poor piratese.  
Arrr - I require you[r  
assistance, attention, help]  
ARR - people  
ARr - objects  
ArR - other (plants,  
concepts, etc)  
Arr! - look out, attention  
now, beware

So, imagine the scene: A  
pirate ship floating along,  
away to come in contact

with the admirals ship,  
who is out hunting for  
innocent pirates. The  
captain and the lookout  
are talking.

c: Arr.

l: /Arr, Arr.

c: /Arr.

(pause)

l: Arr!

c: Arr?

l: \Arr, ARR

c: (to all) Arr! \Arr,

ARR, Arrr

which translates to this:

captain: how are you,

lookout?

lookout: Im fine, my

captain. Yourself?

captain: not bad.

(pause)

lookout: HEY!

Captain: what?

lookout: Our foe! (literally

"bad people")

Captain: (to all the crew)

ATTENTION! We have  
enemies approaching, move!

(ie

attend to your duties,

splice the mainsail, etc)

Although it would talk too

long to list every

piratese word ever, this

should at least let you

see its diversity, and give

some indication of how to

get on in pirate society.